



WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAR. 31, 1909.

A "JOKER" in the revenue laws, which it is claimed has cost the consumers of tobacco \$45,000,000, was found yesterday by Mr. Dawson, of Iowa, who at once introduced in the House a measure to correct it. When the war tax of 6 cents a pound was levied on tobacco in 1898, authorization was given for the reduction of the size of the packages from two, three and four ounces to one and two-thirds, two and one-half and three and one-third ounces thus enabling the smoker to procure a 5 and 10 cent package of tobacco. When the war tax was repealed some body forgot (?). Mr. Dawson says, to restore the packages to their Dingley tariff size. It is estimated that during the last six years more than 32,000,000 5 cent packages have been sold, and more than 12,000,000 10-cent packages, which, it is estimated, gave the manufacturers an extra profit of \$45,000,000.

The Supreme Court of Minnesota recently held, in the case of Anderson et al. vs. Wisconsin Central Railway Company, that an announcement or advertisement that certain property will be sold at auction to the highest bidder is a mere declaration of intention to hold an auction at which bids will be received, and is not an offer to sell which becomes binding, even conditionally, on the owner when a bid is made. The court said that the auctioneer asks for bids for the property, and a bid is an offer to purchase at the price named. Until the offer is accepted no contract relations exist, and at any time before the bid is accepted the bidder may withdraw his offer to purchase and the owner his offer to sell.

Dr. W. A. Evans, Chicago's Health Commissioner, says in a recent bulletin: "Between the ages of five and sixty-five death from pneumonia is useless and a reflection on civilization." Good ventilation and temperance in eating and drinking are the safeguards, Dr. Evans adds. Commenting on this the Record-Herald observes: "Pneumonia kills almost one-tenth of all the people who die in the United States, and diphtheria is also one of the great destroyers. Perhaps no other investment gives society more for its money than that in the fight against disease."

It was Agur, the son of Jakob, the oracle, who was fain to admit there were four things too wonderful for him: "The way of an eagle in the air; the way of a serpent upon a rock; the way of a ship in the midst of the sea, and the way of a man with a maid." These things still puzzle the wise. Had Agur, however, lived till this day he would, no doubt, have added to his list of things past finding out—the way of the Payne tariff revision bill which revises the tariff upward while purporting to revise it downward.

There is reason to believe that Congress, assembled in extra session to revise the tariff, is giving ten times the attention to schemes for the maintenance of protective plundering as compared with the attention given to improving the condition of the masses and lowering the cost of living. The mandate of the voters is forgotten, says the Philadelphia Record. Nothing is heard but the shouting of the lobbyists.

DEMOCRATIC voters should bear in mind that poll taxes should be paid on or before May 1st, in order that they may be able to participate either in the primary election for the nomination of state officers, or in the general election next November.

Eight thousand five hundred and ninety-seven pension acts were passed during the Sixtieth Congress and the cry is still they come.

WINTER seems to linger in the lap of spring.

MARCH felt disposed to go out like a lion.

#### From Washington.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

Washington, Mar. 31.  
No rule will be reported in the House tomorrow to cut all general debate and to set a day for a vote on the Payne bill. House leaders are at sea as to the tariff sentiments of the majority and they will get definite information on that subject before taking action. State delegations are holding meetings to agree upon statements of their desires and these are being forwarded to the committee on rules. Iowa has declared for a separate vote upon half a dozen different schedules and Illinois voted in favor of a caucus. The latter is impossible because of the divergent sentiment among the republicans. But it is possible that there may be a decision to hold a conference. Caucus action would bind every member of the body but a conference is merely an exchange of views. It is probable that the Michigan, California and Kansas delegations will hold meetings today. So great is the demand of members for the privilege of participating in the general debate that it may

#### News of the Day.

Venezuela will not prevent Castro from landing on Cuban soil, but he will do so at his own risk.

A man said to have murdered a girl in Indiana 32 years ago was found living in Texas, married and wealthy.

Twelve firemen were injured by the breaking of a ladder while fighting a fire in the building of McCormack & Co., manufacturing chemists, in Baltimore, late this afternoon. Loss unknown.

President Taft conferred yesterday with Messrs. Cannon, Payne and Dillard over the danger of great delay in passing the tariff bill. The Senate decided to take off the countervailing duty on coffee.

Although the agreement between the mine workers and the anthracite operators expires tonight, the mines will continue working, without any changes in wages or working conditions, for an indefinite period.

Hungarian miners employed at the Bagby Colliery, at Javonville, Ind., after engaging in a gun fight with American miners, in which 11 persons were wounded, accepted the inevitable and scattered to different parts of the country.

Union Pacific passenger train 3, west-bound, was wrecked and partly destroyed by fire, today, at Castle Rock, Utah. Fireman Lowman and Baggageman Dunder were killed and the remainder of the crew and passengers were badly shaken up but none seriously hurt.

The statement that the Standard Mutual Life Insurance Company of Pittsburgh had entered upon negotiations for a merger with the Quaker City Life Insurance Company, of Philadelphia, and the Scranton Life Insurance Company is denied.

John E. Herrel, president of the National City Bank in Washington, died at his home in that city last evening, of uremic poisoning. Mr. Herrel was born in Loudoun county, Va., July 26, 1830.

As a boy he worked on the farm, and later learned the trade of brick mason. Race suicide is not tolerated in one township in Rockingham county, N. C. The wife of a farmer residing near the Forsythe county line on Monday gave birth to five children—three boys and two girls. Their weights range from four to six pounds. All are alive and doing well.

Thomas G. Hayes, former receiving teller of the American National Bank, of Washington, was yesterday found guilty on twenty-four counts, charging embezzlement of \$5,230.62 and misapplication of bank's funds. No recommendation to mercy was contained in the verdict.

The body of Jasper Rand, the New York millionaire and club man and vice president of the Ingersoll-Rand Drill Company, who died late last night in Salt Lake City, Utah, will be brought to Montclair, N. Y., at once for burial. Rand had been a resident of that city for a number of years, and was a director in the bank of Montclair.

William F. Downs, stock clerk in the office of City Register Thomas, of Baltimore, at a salary of \$1,700 a year, and one of the most popular young men in the employ of the municipal government, was locked up in central police station last night on the charge of "embezzling \$1,000 belonging to the mayor and city council of Baltimore, which amount should have been deposited in the National Marine Bank on March 9, 1909."

The meeting of the convention of the American Federation of Labor, held at Typographical Temple in Washington yesterday, resulted in the drafting of a constitution for the new union label traders department, the election of officers, and the adoption of measures designed to bring about a uniform label for union made goods of every description. The Union Label Digest was authorized to be prepared and printed, covering the label laws and decisions of the various states.

Scotch English and German steel makers are greatly perturbed today over the awarding of a \$125,000 contract for iron rails and fish plates to the Lorain Steel Company, of Lorain, Ohio, by the Glasgow Corporation. The American bid was \$30.50 per ton, delivered at Glasgow, \$17.50 under the lowest Scotch bid and \$29.50 under the lowest bid. The cut is so great that manufacturers on that side openly express their fear of an American invasion by means of heavy price cutting.

Charles M. Schwab, head of the Bethlehem Steel Company, emphatically denied the report current in New York that his company has secured the contract for the construction of the two battleships of the Dreadnaught type which are to be built for Argentina.

Papa Ise, the "black pope," has had his sentence of death, committed to by Governor General Sison, Manila, who heard that Ise's execution would stir up trouble among the negro tribesmen. Ise will become a life convict.

Dr. Wm. Jones, detailed by the Field Museum, of Chicago, to study the wild tribes of the Philippines, was murdered by tribesmen at Zamboanga, in Isabela province, according to a report received today.

New York dealers in palm for distribution in Catholic churches announce a scarcity of stalks, due to forest fires in Florida.

Servia has accepted the proposals laid down by the powers; she will accept the annexation of Bosnia as not infringing her rights and will disband her reserves.

Japan has refused China's request to submit questions at issue in Manchuria to The Hague, and referred to native influences as having caused China to withdraw from direct negotiations.

The king's colors flashed first past the post in two important races today at Newbury, England. His Minoru won the Greenham stake, \$5,000, and his Oakmore the Berkshire stake for a year old, \$2,500. James H. Keene and H. P. Whitney entered horses in both races but their entries were unplaced.

Young Waldorf Astor was another who had to see his horses finish without the money. In the Chelvey Handicap for a purse of \$1,250 Jeffrey's Kool, was first. Keene's Suffragette IV, and Whitney's Sixty II, were unplaced.

#### EXPLOSION IN A BUILDING.

A half dozen lives were endangered, the entire interior of the Wallace store was demolished and blown into the street, and a brick building was ruined by two explosions in the Wallace building in Elkins, W. Va., about 7 o'clock last night, the shock from which was felt in all parts of the city. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wallace, their child and several friends were at supper when the force of the explosion lifted and upset the table and buried some of the people from their seats, plaster, brick and glass falling all around them. With the debris obstructing their exit, they managed to get through a side door to a point of safety, unharmed. The owners in the bakery, where the explosion is supposed to have occurred, banged out. Show cases, candies and fixtures and the entire front of the store littered the street. The loss will approximate \$5,000. Fire, which followed the explosion, further threatened the building, but was put out in the face of a good deal of danger by the fire department.

#### Virginia News.

A supposed mad dog bit two colored men at Manassas today causing much excitement.

A. P. Gillespie, of Tazewell, is mentioned as the probable republican candidate for governor of Virginia.

A marriage license was granted in Baltimore yesterday to Robert S. Smith and Anna M. Gosnell, both of Manassas.

Federal Judge Waddill, at Norfolk, has ordered the sale of the properties, under a bill of foreclosure, of the Public Service Corporation of Virginia.

Dr. Edwin G. Lee, a leading dentist of the south, died yesterday at his home in Norfolk, after a long illness, aged 39 years. He was a native of Clarke county.

Mrs. Mary Kowalski, 83 years old, widow of Remington Kowalski, died Monday night at the home of her nephew Attorney Conrad Kowalski, at Berryville, after being an invalid eight years.

Marriage licenses were issued in Washington yesterday to William R. Strayer, of Newmarket, and Mary E. Triplett, of Mount Jackson, and to Charles Cocker, of Fort Myer, and Pearl Gorman.

The oyster season in Virginia closes tonight. The season, owing to the mild winter, has not been profitable to the oyster dealers, but the fishing season is now opening and it is expected to be much more satisfactory.

J. M. Atkinson, of the Park Hotel, Richmond, was yesterday convicted in the corporation court of selling liquor to minors and the verdict of the police court was sustained. He will have to pay a fine of one hundred dollars and will lose his license.

George B. Davis, superintendent of the Laurel Reformatory near Richmond, has been suspended from office by the president of the board for refusing to obey an order of the president. Mr. Davis was formerly superintendent of the City Home in Richmond.

Capt. Garrett G. Gooch, 72 years old, died at Staunton yesterday. Mr. Gooch was well known as a railroad contractor and contractor for large works. He was a prominent Mason and Knight Templar and was a member of the board of governors of the Masonic Orphans' Home of Virginia. He served as a Confederate soldier.

#### Today's Telegraphic News

**Crazy Snake Has Not Surrendered.**  
Pierce, Okla., March 31.—Reports that Chief Crazy Snake has surrendered to the troops under Col. Hoffman last night proved to be incorrect. The Indians are in hiding in the Tiger Mountains, and the soldiers are conducting a systematic search for them. The report of the surrender was due to a second message sent to Sheriff Odum, which said he would surrender if taken to Muskogee, instead of Enfield.

The Indians are believed to be hidden in one of the ravines of the Tiger Range. Col. Hoffman, fearing that the messages were merely a ruse and that Crazy Snake was really attempting to escape into the Choctaw country, to the south, has guards at every ford of the Canadian river. Scouts surround the Tiger Mountains.

"We'll get him today," said Col. Hoffman.

Friendly Indians have been sent to Crazy Snake, in an effort to induce him to surrender without a fight. The total number of prisoners taken to date, is 94. Most of these have been sent to the towns and locked up. Fifty heavily armed negroes left Faulkner Tuesday night and were supposed to have waited in Ambush at the Bridge on the Checotah.

#### Divorce Proceedings Probable.

Berlin, March 31.—Esen correspondents of Berlin papers failed today to gain any additional information concerning the alleged intention of Frau von Bihlen und Halbach, formerly Bertha Krupp, to seek a divorce. The report is generally credited by close friends of the couple here and at Essen, the seat of the famous Krupp gun world, which Frau von Bihlen und Halbach inherited from her father seven years ago, when she was only fifteen years old.

Esen, Germany, March 31.—Members of the Krupp family today announced a denial of the rumor that Frau Bihlen und Halbach, daughter of the famous "Gunslinger of Essen," was contemplating divorce proceedings. They would not discuss the reported marital differences of Frau Bihlen, and her husband, but characterized the stories now current as cruelly unjust.

#### Viaduct Damaged by Bomb.

New York, March 31.—A bomb placed under one of the pillars of the viaduct between Hoboken and Union Hill exploded today with terrible force, tearing out the pillar and part of the upper masonry and iron bridge work and shattering windows for blocks around. One house a half block from the explosion was badly damaged by pieces of iron which were driven through its windows and walls. One of its occupants was slightly injured. The viaduct contractors have had trouble with their labor, and the explosion is believed to have been an attempt on the part of some discharged workmen to wreck the structure. The damage will reach \$50,000.

#### A Terrible Story.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 31.—Hardly able to stand Mrs. Ellen Curtin, a white woman, of Lombard, was today taken from a hospital cot to testify against her negro assailant in court.

George Washington, a giant negro, who, it is alleged, held the woman captive in a house for three days, was held in \$2,000 bail for the grand jury.

The woman testified that she went to the man's house to get him to move her furniture when he seized her, carried her into his house, dragged her and kept her there for three days till she could make an alarm.

As Washington was going to the police with a crowd of persons attacked him, several of whom struck the negro.

#### Bodies Recovered.

Havans, Mar. 31.—The bodies of 14 members of the German Steamer Altamir which was destroyed in the pier fire Monday were recovered today from the bay. The men lost their lives in jumping overboard.

#### DIED.

At the residence of her son, John D. Matter, 539 south Fairfax street, Mrs. SARAH A. MATTER, in her 73rd year. Funeral Thursday at 3 p. m. Friends of the family invited to attend.

#### Narrow Escape of Train.

Altos, Pa., March 31.—The quick action of a signal man early today, saved the lives of several score persons on the Chicago and St. Louis express, west-bound, and prevented the train, running at sixty miles an hour, from crashing into the wrecked freight train, three miles west of here. Word of the wreck had just flashed over the wire to the operator on duty in the signal tower when the fast express thundered by. The signal man threw on a danger signal just in time to catch the eye of the engineer of the express. The latter closed down the throttle, reversed his brakes, and brought his train to a stop within sight of the red lamps of the wreck just as he rounded the turn. The freight was wrecked through the breaking of an axle, which threw a great part of the long train over a high embankment.

#### Sent to an Asylum.

Newark, N. J., March 31.—Ashbel B. Brown, a wealthy retired farmer of South Orange, was kidnapped yesterday and committed to the Morris Plains Insane Asylum. He was picked up by two men in an automobile, while walking on the street, and taken to the institution. Brown is well on in years, but he put up a stubborn resistance. He was overpowered and hustled into the machine. The ground for committing him is violent and excitable insanity, which it is alleged, he is suffering. Difficultly over money matters is said to have caused considerable trouble of late in the Brown household. It is said that Brown has been at loggerheads with his wife and children. Brown is said to be worth several hundred thousand dollars.

#### Tariff War.

Paris, March 31.—The opposition of French merchants and manufacturers to the Payne tariff bill, now under discussion in the American Congress, took tangible form today when a large delegation of manufacturers under the leadership of Andre Sayous, director of the federation of French manufacturers, and merchants, called on Minister of Commerce Gruppé and entered a vigorous protest against the schedules proposed in the Payne bill. The delegates said that the terms of the bill were wholly unacceptable and, if put into effect, would result in a serious tariff war. The French government was urged to make representations to the American Congress without further delay, as it is understood that a vote is expected on the bill within the next two weeks.

#### Naval Debate.

London, March 31.—A remarkable demonstration, participated in by people of all ranks, in favor of a naval programme providing for eight new Dreadnaughts was held today at the Mansion House. The lord mayor presided. Lord Balfour, who is leading the opposition to Parliament to the policy of Premier Asquith, was the principal speaker. He declared that the United States and Germany each had larger naval estimates than England though England knew that she must maintain the supremacy of the seas. Orles of "Shame," "Shame," greeted Balfour's arraignment of the government's restricted naval policy.

#### Theatre Destroyed.

Bordenstown, N. J., March 31.—Five volunteer fire companies had a three hours fight early today, before they gained control of a fire which destroyed the Majestic Theatre and another building and for a time threatened the business section of the city. Defective insulation in a moving picture show is believed to have been responsible. Firemen working to save adjoining property were caught under the walls of the collapsed theatre and many of them were injured, although none was seriously hurt. The loss is estimated at \$10,000.

#### Sixty-first Congress.

Washington, March 31.  
SENATE.  
The Senate was not in session today, having adjourned on Monday till Thursday.

#### HOUSE.

Although most of the members of the House are heartily sick of the long drawn out general debate on the tariff bill, it was understood today that Mr. Olmsted, chairman of the committee of the whole, still has down nearly 80 names of members who desire time in which to speak. It was understood that there will be no further granting of the privilege of unlimited time. Most of the speeches today were 20 minutes talks. It is likely also that a number of the 80 will ask leave to print, as the speeches now are nearly all repetition and delivered for their effect upon constituents.

Today Mr. Douglas (rep. O.) opposed the coffee tax; Mr. Rothenel (dem. Pa.) made a plea for reduction of wood pulp; Mr. Mann (rep. Ill.) gave an illustrated lecture on paper making from wood pulp, and Mr. Sulzer denounced the Payne bill as a mockery and a sham.

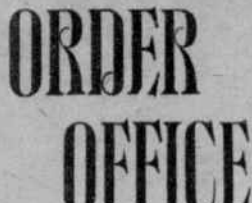
#### M. E. CONFERENCE.

It is not at all unlikely that the desire of some of its supporters and friends to take the Woman's College from under control of the Methodist Church will be made known and discussed at the session of the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which began in Broadway Church, Baltimore, today. The object of those who wish to have the college free from denominational control is to secure a part of the Carnegie pension fund for college professors. A strong movement is on foot to sever the connection between Dickinson college and the church, so that all of the members of this faculty, too, may enjoy the Carnegie pension fund for supernumerary professors. Bishop John W. Hamilton, of Boston, will preside during the conference.

It is understood that Rev. W. W. Van Arsdale, of Trinity Church, this city, will not be returned to that charge.

#### Arrest of Conspirators.

St. Petersburg, March 31.—The organizers of what it is feared may yet prove a successful rebellion in the Caucasus, were arrested here today in a sensational coup in the center of the city, in a suite of rooms that overlooks the Nevsky Prospekt. Learning of the conspiracy through the treachery of one of the group, the police entered the conspirators' hide and secured themselves. Today, as the leaders in the movement arrived, singly, in pairs and larger groups, they were arrested by the detectives. The conspirators were not given any opportunity to sound a warning to the other members. Most of the conspirators have so far been arrested, among them being several well-known army officers. The police also seized large stores of arms, ammunition and money. The authorities fear that the plot has developed to such an extent that the uprising will take place despite the breaking up of the local headquarters. A complete overthrow of the army in the Caucasus will result from today's developments.



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#### SMALLPOX.

The first death from smallpox reported to the state board of health since last spring, occurred a few days ago in Richmond. The patient was a colored woman, who came to Richmond from Norfolk as nurse in a private family visiting in the city. Before the nature of the disease had been ascertained a large number of persons had been exposed and some fear was felt that an outbreak of smallpox would follow. The Richmond health officials, however, ordered compulsory vaccination of all suspected persons and not a single case has been reported since the woman was removed to the pesthouse. The case was the most virulent in the history of the Richmond hospitals, and little hopes for the woman's recovery were felt from the first. She had never been vaccinated, and had been exposed to a very mild case of smallpox, probably in Norfolk. "The death of this woman," said a state health official, "only goes to show that the mild character of smallpox now prevalent in Virginia gives no assurance for the future. The health department is now preparing a special bulletin for general distribution in which this point is made. In fact, the truth of the matter is that very often, when an unvaccinated person is exposed to a mild form of smallpox, that person is more than liable to contract the disease in its most virulent and dangerous form. No, there is no danger of smallpox spreading in Richmond. The local health department has impressed upon the people the importance of vaccination; and, where vaccination is practiced, there is, of course, not the slightest danger from smallpox."

#### A SUCCESSFUL MANAGER.

The Hotel Bulletin, of Chicago, in a recent issue has the following to say of Mr. Morgan Ross, formerly of this city and son of the late Capt. T. C. Ross. Mr. Ross left this city when a youth but is well remembered here by a host of friends who will be glad to hear of his success. The Bulletin says:

"Mr. Ross made himself so popular with the guests of the hotel during the past season that they presented him with a handsome gold watch valued at \$1,000 together with a watch box made in the shape of a crown and studded with diamonds."

His mother was a recent guest of her friend, Mrs. H. Carter Dorsey, in this city.

"Among the leading hotel men of this nation is Morgan Ross, for the past four years manager of the Hotel Del Coronado, Coronado Beach, Cal. Mr. Ross has had an extended hotel experience, but always among the good hotels, such as manager of The Imperial, New York; the Garden City, Atlantic City, N. J.; Hotel Walton, Philadelphia; Bedford Springs Hotel, Bedford Springs, Pa.; Arlington Hotel, Washington, D. C.; Robt House, in the same city, thus have his years of hotel life been employed and not in the whole hotel world has there another hotel man better employed his every opportunity and it is with pleasure that the Hotel Bulletin in this issue presents the only portrait of this popular manager which has ever been allowed a hotel publication. Mr. Ross is above all else a metropolitan hotel manager and in his conduct of Del Coronado it had been so handsomely conducted that such patrons as J. Pierpont Morgan, George Gould, George Vanderbilt, John Gish, Edward H. Harriman, Billy Bush and other of the uncrowned kings of American aristocracy have given it their kindly endorsement. For the four years of the management of Morgan Ross has this immense hotel shown a continued increase in its receipts, passing out of the class of chronic losers into the class of greatly winners until the past season when it climbed to the top and now heads the list of successful hotels of California."

#### Made a Knight of the Papacy.

New York, March 31.—For her work in bettering the conditions of the Italian in the Italian district of Brooklyn, Miss Eleanor Colgan, a Brooklyn school teacher, has been made member of the Knight of the Papacy by Pope Pius X. A gold cross, blessed by the pope, accompanies the appointment as an evidence of the appreciation of her services.

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